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SHORT COMMUNICATION

***Conocephalus discolor* (Thunberg) (Orthoptera: Tettigoniidae) new to Wales.**—During a survey on 15.viii.1999 by members of the Cardiff Naturalists' Society, of the wildlife within a large road interchange (M4 Junction 32) at Coryton on the northern outskirts of Cardiff, we discovered a colony of *Conocephalus discolor* (long-winged cone-heads). A further visit a few days later confirmed that nymphs, adult males and especially adult females of this species were present on at least three separate parts of the interchange. The site (ST140816) is the area within the M4/A470 interchange, about 10 hectares of rough grassland, shrubs and trees. The cone-heads were found in areas of damp grassland.

Since the early 1980s this species has expanded its range northwards from the south coast of England (Marshall & Haes, 1988; Haes & Harding, 1997; Widgery, 1999). This is considered to be as a result of climate change (global warming). Although few records of Welsh Orthoptera have been submitted recently to the National Orthoptera Recording Scheme, the nearest previous sightings are some distance away—65 km to the south in Somerset and 85 km to the east in Gloucestershire (J. Widgery, *pers comm.*). The site's proximity to the M4 raises intriguing questions about the means and source of colonisation.

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